

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently amended) A device for providing wall ducts for conduits, tubing or electric cables for a motor vehicle,

wherein each conduit, tube or electric cable in an area of a wall duct contains a coupler, the coupler comprising two directly coupled coupler halves, first coupler halves of said two coupler halves, respectively, being jointly held in the device for providing wall ducts,

wherein at least two first coupler halves, respectively, are held together by a bracket which is not connected to a wall having the wall ducts,

wherein plugs for receiving the first coupler halves are provided in orifices of a wall, with each of the first coupler halves held in its own plug and with each of the plugs held in its own orifice in the wall,

wherein the first coupler halves are locked in the bracket and fastened in the plugs, and

wherein the plugs are made of elastic rubber material and are combined into groups.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously presented) The device according to Claim 1, wherein the plugs contain steps which act together with protrusions provided on the first coupler halves in a snap-fit fashion.

4. (Previously presented) A device for providing wall ducts for conduits, tubing or electric cables for motor vehicles,

wherein each conduit, tube or electric cable in an area of a wall duct contains a coupler, the coupler comprising two coupler halves, first coupler halves of said two coupler halves, respectively, being jointly held in the device for providing wall ducts,

wherein at least two first coupler halves, respectively, are held together by a bracket,

wherein plugs for receiving the first coupler halves are provided in orifices of a wall,

wherein the first coupler halves are held in the plugs,

wherein, in an orifice which is provided in the bracket for receiving a first coupler half as well as in that first coupler half, corresponding grooves are incorporated, and

wherein, in the groove of the first coupler half, a retainer ring is inserted.

5. (Currently amended) A device for providing wall ducts for conduits, tubing or electric cables for a motor vehicle, comprising:

a coupler provided for each of the conduits, tubes or electric cables in an area of one of the wall ducts, each coupler comprising first and second directly coupled coupler halves,

a bracket by which at least two first coupler halves are jointly held together and which is not connected to a wall having the wall ducts, and

plugs for receiving the at least two first coupler halves provided in orifices of a wall, with each of the first coupler halves held in its own plug and with each of the plugs held in its own orifice in the wall,

wherein at least two first coupler halves are locked in the bracket and fastened in at least two of the plugs, and

wherein the plugs are made of elastic rubber material and are combined into groups.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Original) The device according to Claim 5, wherein at least one of the plugs contains a step which acts, together with a protrusion provided on one of the first coupler halves, in a snap-fit fashion.

8. (Previously presented) A device for providing wall ducts for conduits, tubing or electric cables for motor vehicles, comprising:

a coupler provided for each of the conduits, tubes or electric cables in an area of one of the wall ducts, each coupler comprising first and second coupler halves,

a bracket by which at least two first coupler halves are jointly held together, and

plugs for receiving the at least two first coupler halves provided in orifices of a wall,

wherein at least two first coupler halves are held in at least two of the plugs,

wherein corresponding grooves are incorporated in an orifice provided in the bracket and in at least one of the first coupler halves, and

wherein a retainer ring is inserted in the groove incorporated in the at least one of the first coupler halves.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously presented) A device for providing wall ducts for conduits, tubing or electric cables for motor vehicles, comprising:

a coupler provided for each of the conduits, tubes or electric cables in an area of one of the wall ducts, each coupler comprising first and second coupler halves,

a bracket by which at least two first coupler halves are jointly held together, and

plugs for receiving the at least two first coupler halves provided in orifices of a wall,

wherein at least two first coupler halves are held in at least two of the plugs,

wherein corresponding grooves are incorporated in an orifice provided in the bracket and in at least one of the first coupler halves, and

wherein a retainer ring is inserted in the groove incorporated in the at least one of the first coupler halves.

11. (Previously presented) A device for providing wall ducts for conduits, tubing or electric cables for motor vehicles, comprising:

    a coupler provided for each of the conduits, tubes or electric cables in an area of one of the wall ducts, each coupler comprising first and second coupler halves,

    a bracket by which at least two first coupler halves are jointly held together, and

    plugs for receiving the at least two first coupler halves provided in orifices of a wall,

    wherein at least two first coupler halves are held in at least two of the plugs,

    wherein at least one of the plugs contains a step which acts, together with a protrusion provided on one of the first coupler halves, in a snap-fit fashion,

    wherein corresponding grooves are incorporated in an orifice provided in the bracket and in at least one of the first coupler halves, and

    wherein a retainer ring is inserted in the groove incorporated in the at least one of the first coupler halves.

12-17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously presented) The device according to Claim 1, wherein second coupler halves of said two coupler halves are directly fastened to the first coupler halves.

19. (Previously presented) The device according to Claim 5, wherein second coupler halves of said two coupler halves are directly fastened to the first coupler halves.